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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are included herewith. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before receipt of the first Office Action and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The references were cited by the Examiner in the parent case (Serial No. 09/098,832).

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Respectfully submitted,

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